



## Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 12/17/20 @ 6 p.m.

1. Attendees:

County	Appointees	Citizens / Guests
Howard Lazarus	Steve Clark	Francine Locke
Elaine Schaefer	David Director	Rebecca Isacowitz
Christine Reuther	Carol Martsolf	Paloma Vila
Laura Goodrich	Jennie Perey Saxe	Melissa Muroff
Ed Magargee	Jaclyn Rhoads	
Mark Manfre	Shawn Stancill	
Linda Hill	Scott Sidlow	
Laura Goodrich	Becca Yurkovich	
Ed Magargee		
Jim Kane		

2. Public comments and questions can be submitted via email to the following address: [publiccomment@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:publiccomment@co.delaware.pa.us). The email will be monitored throughout the meetings.
3. Howard Lazarus provided an update on two grants submitted to the State.
- Grant I: Supporting fleet conversion from fossil fuel to electric - \$7500/vehicle, for 15 vehicles. County fleet conversion will cost \$440k, of which \$112,500 will be paid with the grant funds.
  - Grant I, Part II: Electric vehicle chargers, six in total. Total cost of the chargers is \$71k, and the grant will cover 50% of the purchase price.
  - Council approved Level II energy audit for county facilities. Audit will serve to establish the energy consumption baseline.
4. Assistant DA Melissa Muroff, attended to inform the Commission of the recent formation of the Delaware County Environmental Crimes Unit. Office will help proactively identify, enforce, prosecute, or refer environmental crimes to the Attorney General's office. The areas of focus were introduced. Suspected crimes can be reported directly to Melissa Muroff. Contact information will be provided upon request.
5. Strategic Planning results:
- Working vision: After additional discussion, the Working Vision of a more sustainable DelCo has been finalized. Full text is as follows:

*A Sustainable Delaware County is one in which all people have access to quality, energy efficient, and resilient infrastructure and community assets that are powered with renewable energy in connected and safe neighborhoods; quality medical care and locally sourced healthy foods are affordable and accessible to all; a high quality education is available for lifelong learning and helps all access good, well-paying jobs; natural and human systems are deeply connected and thrive; and the benefits of a more sustainable future are centered on the needs of those historically most vulnerable and marginalized in our communities.*

- ii. Discussion and scheduling of Subcommittee approach and meetings: The balance of resources for the two working Subcommittees was discussed and adjusted. Two future County positions will soon be filled – Purchasing and Facilities – both of which will likely join the Greening County Operations Subcommittee. Howard Lazarus will temporarily fill the role on both Subcommittees. The future County Chief Sustainability Officer will join both Subcommittees. Professional support can be obtained when needed.
  - a. Expected dates for filling new positions:
    - i. Chief Sustainability Officer – mid-to-late January
    - ii. Purchasing – Hired
    - iii. Facilities - medium-to-long term
- 6. Each of the three finalists for County Chief Sustainability Officer provided a personal mission statement and responded to questions from the Commission.
- 7. Other business:
  - a. Possibility of ex officio, non-voting members was discussed. However, all meetings are open to the public, so guests can be invited to any and all meetings.